गृहों की स्थापना के लिए तथा कार्यकर्त्ताओं के प्रशिक्षण के लिए केन्द्रीय और राज्य सरकारों द्वारा समान अंशदान के आधार पर अनुदान के रूप में वित्तीय सहायता दी जाती है ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Waiving of Loans and Taxes of Farmers

811. SHRl BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have giv en any guidelines to the State Govern-
—ments for waiving of loans and taxes on the farmers in view of the grave drought conditions in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENNDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) As a policy, the Government of India are not in favour of any measures involving write off/waiver $_{F}$ of loans and taxes on the farmers, as these tend to vitiate the climate of recovery, encourage wilful default and undermine the viability of credit institutions. However, there are inbuilt provisions under the existing institutional arrangement; for conversion/ re-sechedulement of loans in the event of crop failure due to natural calamities like drought. In addition, Gov-Tfemment of India have introduced a comprehensive crop insurance scheme with a view to provide relief to the loanee farmers in the event of natural calamities. Due to failure of monsoon and consequent severe drought conditions, NABARD has advised the co-operative/commercial banks to extend necessary assistance to the affected borrowers in various States in *raising* alternate short duration crop^{c}. wherever feasible. Further, small farmers having default upto 20 per cent of eligibility could now be considered as eligible for fresh finance.

Mini Steel Plants in U. P.

812. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mini steel plants functioning in Uttar Pradesh at present and how many are lying idle; and

(b) whether Government have made any assessment on the functioning of mini steel plants in U. P., if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) 26 mini-steel plants with a capacity of 5. 43 lakh tonnes per annum are installed in Uttar Pradesh. As per the latest report, three of these units are lying closed.

(b) No, Sir.

Drought relief to Karnataka

813. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOW DA: Will the Minister of AGRICUL TURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atten tion has been drawn to a newsitem captioned "Drought withers crops in Karnataka" as reported in the Indian Express dated 26th August, 1987;

(b) if so, whether the Central Gov ernment have given any kind of help to the Karnataka Government to *meet* the drought situation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c<) In response to the memorandum submitted by the State Government for drought relief, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 34. 07 crores has been approved for relief measures for 1987 drought. In addition, a sum of Rs. 12. 50 crores and Rs. 6. 75 lakhs has also been approved for completion

of identified irrigation projects and distribution of vegetable minikits to farmers for 1987-38 respectively.

Approval of the modified National Oilseeds Development Prject

814. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently approved the modified National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) for the remaining period of the current plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the areas where this project will be implemented; and

(d) to what extent the import of oilseeds will be minimised and the indigenous production is likely to be boosted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA,):

(a) and (b) The National Oilseeds Development Project for the first year of 1985-86 is modified and is being 1 implemented in 17 oilseeds growing States from 1986-87, and will be continued as such during the remaining period of Seventh Plan. Under this project, financial assistance is given on various critical inputs like multi-plication and supply of improved seeds, provision for plant protection measures, improved farm implements supply, organising large sized block demonstrations etc.

(c) The Project is in operation in 17 important oilseeds growing States.

(d) Government of India is taking every possible step to boost the production of oilseeds with the implementation of National Oilseeds Development Project, Oilseeds Production Thrust Project and constitution of Oilseeds Technology Mission in orde$_r$ to mininme the import of edible oil and I t_0 achieve self-sufficiency.

उत्तर प्रदेश को पीने के पानी की व्यवस्था के लिए विशेष सहायता

815. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पानी की कमी से बुरी तरह प्रभावित ग्रामों में पीने का पानी उपलब्ध कराने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश को क्या विशेष सहायता प्रदान की गई है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार आदिवासी ग्रामों तथा पहाड़ी ग्रामों की ओर, जहां पानी की अत्यधिक कमी है, विशेष ध्यान देने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामानन्द यादव) : (क) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने उत्तर प्रदेश के उन ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के लिए "वेज एण्ड मीन्स एडवांस" के रूप में 7.5 करोड़ रुपए की तदर्थ सहायता रिलीज की थी जो पीने के पानी की कमी से गम्भीर रूप से प्रभावित हुए है । इसके अलावा, रिग मशीनें तथा अन्य उपकरण खरीदने के लिए 53.0 लाख रुपए भी रिलीज किए गए थे । हाल ही में, केन्द्रीय सरकार ने ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पीने के पानी की सप्लाई के लिए उपर्युक्त सहायता सहित सूखा राहत के अन्तर्गत अधिकतम व्यय सीमा के अधीन 9.23 करोड़ रुपए की राशि अनुमोदित की है ।

(ख) और (ग) राज्य सरकार को रिलीज की गई तदर्थ सहायता पानी की कमी वाले सभी क्षेत्रों के लिए है जिनमें पानी की अत्यधिक कमी वाले आदिवासी गांव तथा पर्वतीय गांव भी शामिल है ।

उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार में ग्रामीण श्रमिकों के लिए कार्यक्रम

816. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार के सूखे से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों के ग्रामीण श्रमिकों के लिये कोई कार्यक्रम तैयार किया गया है ;